

Application No.: 10/673,832
Docket No.: FA1037USNA

Page 2

Amendment to the Specification

Amend the specification by amending the paragraph that begins on page 4, line 17 and continues to line 25, as follows:

The dimer fatty acids used to form the modified polyepoxy resin are dimers of unsaturated higher fatty acids that are obtained by dimerizing fatty acids that have from 4 to 22 carbon atoms and terminal carboxyl groups. These fatty acids can be derived from natural plant oils, for example, ~~safflower~~ safflower oil, soybean oil, linseed oil, or tall oil. These oil typically contain oleic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid and any mixtures of these acids. Other useful dimer acids are disclosed in Nakayama et al. US Patent 5,942,329, col. 6, lines 22-58 which disclosure is hereby incorporated by reference.